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SUBJ: DRAFT INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT FOR USE IN NAC BY AD HOC
GROUP CHAIRMAN

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FROM US REP MBFR

1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF DRAFT STATEMENT TO THE NATO COUNCIL
BY AD HOC GROUP CHAIRMAN OF THE WEEK (POULSEN) DENMARK. IT
WAS PREPARED ON CONTINGENCY BASIS IN CASE THIS WEEKS CHAIRMAN
WERE ASKED TO INTRODUCE NETHERLANDS AND US EMISSARIES TO
THE COUNCIL. POULSEN GAVE TEXT TO ACTING US REP (HIRSCHFELD)
APRIL 16 FOR INFORMAL COMMENT AND REVIEW. HE INTENDS TO DISCUSS
IT WITH AMB QUARLES AND MR. DEAN IN BRUSSELS. COMMENTS ON CHANGES
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TO ORIGINAL DRAFT FOLLOW TEXT.

BEGIN TEXT

MR. CHAIRMAN, GENTLEMEN,

1. ON BEHALF OF AMB QUARLES, MR. DEAN AND MYSELF I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION OF THE COUNCIL'S REQUEST TO HAVE US PARTICIPATING IN THIS MEETING WHICH GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A PERSONAL REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ABOUT THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EXPLORATORY TALKS IN VIENNA.

2. THE COUNCIL HAS BEFORE IT THE REPORT BY LAST WEEK'S CHAIRMAN OF THE AD HOC GROUP AND ITS ANNEXES CONTAINING THE TWO EMISSARIES REPORT ON THEIR SOUNDINGS WITH THE SOVIET AND THE HUNGARIAN DELEGATION AND THE INFORMAL SOVIET PROPOSAL TO A PROCEDURES AGREEMENT.

3. THE COUNCIL WILL BE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT IT DID NOT PROVE POSSIBLE FOR THE AD HOC GROUP AS SUCH TO MAKE A COMMON RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL BASED UPON THE TWO EMISSARIES' REPORT. A MAJORITY OF THE GROUP SHARED BOTH THE EMISSARIES' EVALUATION OF THE SITUATION AND THEIR RECOMMENDATION. SOME MEMBERS, HOWEVER, COULD NOT FULLY SUPPORT NEITHER THE EVALUATION NOR THE RECOMMENDATION.

4. FROM THE TWO EMISSARIES' REPORT THE COUNCIL WILL HAVE NOTED THAT IT HAS NOT PROVED POSSIBLE FULLY TO OBTAIN THE GOALS SET FORTH BY THE COUNCIL IN THIS PARTICULAR MATTER. I DO HOWEVER FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE FAIR TO SAY THAT THE RESULTS OBTAINED UNDER CERTAIN PROVISOS DO GO A LONG WAY TO MEET THE WISHES OF THE NATO- COUNTRIES AND MAY FORM A POSSIBLE BASIS FOR FINAL NEGOTIATIONS OF A PROCEDURES ARRANGEMENT.

THE MERITS OF THE SOVIET PROPOSAL SEEM TO BE THAT A FOCUS ON CENTRAL EUROPE IS MAINTAINED, THAT THE CIRCLE OF PARTICIPANTS IN MBFR IS LIMITED TO THE 19 COUNTRIES NOW PRESENT IN VIENNA, THAT THERE WILL BE A CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE TWO CATEGORIES OF PARTICIPANTS, AND IT PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR WESTERN COUNTRIES TO RETURN TO THE HUNGARIAN ISSUE IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE FUTURE AGREEMENTS OR MEASURES. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, IT MUST EQUALLY BE RECOGNIZED THAT THE SOVIET PROPOSAL
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LISTS HUNGARY AS A SPECIAL PARTICIPANT, THAT THE FOCUS UPON

CENTRAL EUROPE IS NOT AS CLEAR AS ONE COULD HAVE WISHED.

5. SINCE, AS I HAVE ALREADY STATED, THERE ARE DIVERGENCIES OF OPINION WITHIN THE AD HOC GROUP AS TO THE ACCEPTABILITY OF THE SOVIET PROPOSAL, IT IS NOT FOR ME AS A REP OF THE GROUP AS SUCH TO MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL. THIS FACT ALSO MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR ME TO EXPRESS MYSELF ABOUT DETAILS IN THE TWO EMISSARIES' REPORT, THE REASON FOR WHICH I WOULD APPRECIATE, IF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AS FAR AS THE REPORT AND ITS CONTENT IS CONCERNED WOULD ADDRESS THEMSELVES TO AMB QUARLES AND MR. DEAN.

THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. END TEXT.

2. STATEMENTS IN PARA 4 OF ORIGINAL TEXT THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE PROBES DOES NOT FULLY MEET THE WISHES OF NATO COUNTRIES; AND THAT THE SOVIETS HAD NOT EXPLICITLY AGREED TO PARA J OF COUNCIL'S INSTRUCTION WERE EXCISED. PRESENT TEXT NOW INCLUDES MORE POSITIVE STATEMENT OF WHAT WEST HAS ACHIEVED ON HUNGARY THAN ORIGINAL VERSION.

3. POULSEN ALSO AGREED TO SUGGEST TO DANISH NATO DELEGATION TO GIVE EARLY FORTHRIGHT STATEMENT IN FAVOR OF REPORT AND TO MAKE SIMILR SUGGESTIONS TO OTHER DELEGATIONS, IN HOPE OF INSPIRING UK TO JOIN CONSENSUS. HUMES

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